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**Report Highlights:**

This is the first FAIRS Export Certificate Report that provides a list of export certificates and entry requirements mandated by the Korean government for import inspection. It includes an Export Certificate Matrix, references to relevant U.S. government websites for more information, and a sample notarized self declaration letter for non-GMO processed products.

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This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service in Seoul, Korea for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

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The table below provides a list of export certificates for various agricultural products required by the Korean government for import inspection. U.S. exporters are strongly encouraged to consult with the relevant U.S. authorities prior to export of products subject to export certificates and in order confirm the eligibility of exporting products and export requirements imposed by the Korean government.

#### SECTION I. LIST OF EXPORT CERTIFICATES REQUIRED BY KOREA

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry*
Boneless beef	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-4 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Refer to SECTION III	Health certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Pork	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	None	Health certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Poultry	FSIS Form 9060-5 and 9305-2A (issued by USDA/FSIS)	None	Health certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Egg products	PY-200 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Attestation to detailed pasteurization treatment:  55° C for a minimum of 15 min; or,  60° C for a minimum of 5 minutes; or,  64° C for a minimum of 4.5 minute.	Egg Product Inspection & Grading Certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Dairy products	Export Certificate (issued by exporting government)	"Products have been pasteurized for 15 seconds at 72C or longer."	Export certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Pork casing	FSIS Form 9060-7 and 9305-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	Refer to SECTION III	Health certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Protein-free tallow	FSIS Form 9060-5 (issued by USDA/FSIS)	"Certified materials have been tested, and found to have a level of insoluble impurities of 0.15% or less."	Health certificate	NVRQS/MAF

Live animal	Health Certificate (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation required on certificate varies depending on species.	Health certificate	NVRQS/MAF
Fresh vegetable, fruits, nuts	PPQ Form 577 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation required on certificate varies depending on products.	Phytosanitary certificate	NPQS/MAF
Frozen vegetables and fruits	Form FV-146CS (issued by USDA/AMS) or PPQ Form 578 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	"Products have been frozen at -17.8C or below."	Certificate of Quality & Condition or Export Certificate	NPQS/MAF
Vacuum packed shelled walnuts	PPQ Form 577 (issued by USDA/APHIS)	Attestation to detailed fumigation treatment	Phytosanitary certificate	NPQS/MAF
Organic products except livestock products and feed	Organic certificate (issued by USDA/AMS Accredited Certifying Agents)	No attestation required but certificate must include: (a) Name, address, and phone number of the certifying agent  (b) A list of the types of organic food the operation is certified by the certifying agent to produce or process  (c) The company name, address, and effective date (or renewal date) of the certification	Certificate to confirm eligibility of organic producer or manufacturer	KFDA
Corn	Grain Inspection Certificate (issued by USDA/GIPSA)	Attestation to negative StarLink test results	Certificate to prove no presence of StarLink in bulk corn	KFDA
Corn based products	StarLink Free Statement (issued by manufacturers)	Attestation to no presence of StarLink in products	Statement to prove no presence of StarLink in processed products containing corn.	KFDA
Corn	Analysis Certificate (issued by GeneScan)	Attestation to negative Bt 10 test results	Test certificate to prove no presence of	KFDA

			Bt 10 in bulk corn	
Rice	Non GMO Certificate (issued by OMIC USA & laboratory participating in USDA/GIPSA's Proficiency Program)	Attestation to no detection of GM rice	Test certificate to prove no presence of GM rice	MAF
Non-GMO bulk shipment	Full IP Documentation (issued by private entities) or Non-GMO Certificate (issued by exporting government)	Attestation to identity preserved (IP) handling of bulk grains	Certificate to prove IP handling of bulk grains from seed to final export	MAF
Non-GMO processed products	Full IP Documentation (issued by private entities), Non-GMO Certificate (issued by exporting government), or Notarized Self Declaration (by manufacturer)	Attestation to identity preserved (IP) handling of raw materials from seed purchasing to manufacturing	Certificate or statement to provide IP handling of raw materials used in processed products	KFDA

- \*MAF: Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry
- \*NVRQS: National Veterinary Research & Quarantine Service
- \*NPQS: National Plant Quarantine Service
- \*KFDA: Korea Food & Drug Administration
- \*USDA: U.S. Department of Agriculture
- \*AMS: Agricultural Marketing Service
- \*FSIS: Food Safety Inspection Service
- \*GIPSA: Grain, Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration
- \*APHIS: Animal Plant Health Inspection Service
- \*PPQ: Plant Protection & Quarantine
- \*VS: Veterinary Service

## SECTION II. PURPOSE OF SPECIFIC EXPORT CERTIFICATES

Please refer to Section I.

**SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON EXPORT CERTIFICATES**

Please refer to Section I.

A sample export certificate is provided in the Appendix.

As for the export of boneless beef, federally inspected establishments producing boneless beef intended for export to Korea must participate in an AMS Export Verification (EV) Program and be listed on the "Official Listing of Eligible Suppliers for USDA Bovine EV Program". The list can be accessed at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/bev.htm>

**SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

An original certificate is required for all products listed in the table in Section I at the time of entry with a couple of exceptions. For organic certificates and IP documentation for non-GMO products, a copy of the original certificate is acceptable.

In most situations, one certificate applies to one shipment thus it is not acceptable to use the same certificate for multiple shipments. However, for IP documentation for non-GMO products, one certificate can apply to multiple shipments if the certificate indicates that it covers more than one shipment. For example, an IP document that indicates it is for soybeans produced for one year and that those soybeans were divided and exported in multiple shipments.

In cases where a government-issued certificate is required, any government entity (including city/municipal, state, and federal) can issue the certificate unless specified otherwise. Health certificates should be issued by federal quarantine authorities.

**SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS**

The "issuance date" of both health and phytosanitary certificates shall be prior to the "on-board date" listed on the Bill of Lading to prevent unnecessary delays at the point of entry. The "inspection date" on a certificate must be prior to the departure date.

**APPENDIX****1. FSIS certificates**

Please refer to the below website for details including certificate samples.

[http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/Republic of Korea Requirements/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations%20&%20Policies/Republic%20of%20Korea%20Requirements/index.asp)

**2. APHIS Certificate****A. Plant Certificate**

Please refer to the below website for details about plant certificate requirements.

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/export\\_certificates\\_forms.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/export_certificates_forms.shtml)

PPQ Form 577 can be viewed at the below website:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/plants/plant\\_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/plant_exports/downloads/ppq577.pdf)

**B. Animal Certificates**

Please refer to the below website for details about animal certificate requirements.

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/animal\\_exports.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_exports.shtml)

Korean requirements of live animal exports can be found at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/ks.html>

## 3. Sample of Notarized Self Declaration for Non-GMO Processed Food Products

		[DATE]
To:	[X] Customer [Address], Korea	[Exporter] [Address], USA
 To Whom It May Concern:		
<p>I hereby certify that the following product(s) [product name(s)] is (are) made by [company name] at its manufacturing facility in [city, state] using [name of ingredient] sourced from non-GM varieties with identity preserved (IP) systems. The crop(s) for [name of ingredient] were grown and managed with appropriate agricultural practices to maintain the integrity of the non-GM varieties from seed purchasing to manufacturing. The [name of ingredient(s)] supplier certifies that these ingredients are sourced from IP, non-GM varieties. Our manufacturing operation segregates this [name of ingredient(s)] to maintain its integrity.</p> <p>This certificate covers the period between [date] and [date]. [List name of products as per attached invoice(s) [number(s)] and other identifying information considered relevant by the certifier].</p> <p>I certify that the information submitted above is true and the above product complies with the Korean Government requirements that the level of accidental mixing of GM varieties in the raw ingredient used in the product is below the 3-percent threshold. Full documentation of identity preservation is available upon request after notification to our company of the GM ingredient(s) that have been detected in our product(s).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sincerely,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Name] [Title] [Company name]</p> <p>State of [Name] [City]</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this [day] of [month, year] [Expiration Date of the Commission] [Signature of Notary Public] [SEAL]</p>		